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For:                                      **IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND IMAGE  
PROCESSING METHOD**

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**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, entry of the following Second Preliminary  
Amendment is respectfully requested.

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**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.